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## Shipping:

**Steamers.**  
EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

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FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND  
ADELAIDE.  
*Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND Ports and taking on board Passengers & Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)*  
The Steamship  
*Tamandoc*,  
Capt. SHANNON, will  
be despatched for the above  
on SUNDAY, the 2nd Proximo  
Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
*Agents.*  
Hongkong, November 20, 1883.  
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

The Co.'s Steamship

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Capt. HUTCHISON, w.

**WEDNESDAY**, the 5th December.  
Passengers for Europe desiring to

ceed OVERLAND, can, on application to  
 Undersigned, have their Tickets ended  
 for surrender at Algiers in exchange  
 Coupon Tickets to MARSEILLES (by the  
 Atlantic Company's express boats), and  
 thence to PARIS or LONDON. Algiers  
 hours steam from Marseilles, and then  
 London occupies about the same time.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE**  
*Agents.*  
**Hongkong, November 26, 1888.**

**FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.**  
*(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through  
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW*

CHIWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW  
(Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
Anchises,  
Captain LAPAGE, will  
be despatched as above




FRIDAY, the 7th December.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE**  
Agents.

Hongkong, November 28, 1888.

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STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N.

 The P. & O. S. N. Steamship *Peshawur* will leave for the place about 24 hours after her arrival the outward English Mails.

**Sailing Vessels.**

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The 3/3 L.1.1. Amer. Barq  
H. G. Johnson,  
COLBZ, Master, will load  
for the above Port, and

For Freight, apply to  
**RUSSELL & CO**  
 Hongkong, November 3, 1888.

**Insurances.**  
NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the a  
Company, are authorized to Insure  
against FIRE at Current Rates.  
GILMAN & C  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.  
*His Majesty King George The First*

A. D. 1720.  
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THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation  
prepared to grant Insurances as follow  
*Fire Department.*

**Life Department.**  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO  
Hongkong, October 19, 1888.

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QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE CO  
PANY.

**THE** Undersigned, Agents for the  
Company, are prepared to ACCURE  
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.  
**NORTON & C**

Hongkong, July 15, 1887.

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WASHING BOOKS.  
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can  
be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each,  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.









kind of weather, *h* with sky, *c* de-  
 tailed, *d* drizzling, *rain*, *fog*, *g* gloom,  
*h* lightning, *o* overcast, *p* passing, *showers*,  
*ally*, *r*, *rain*, *s* snow, *t* thunder, *u* variable,  
 (wet)  
 Rain, in inches, tenths and hundredths.



**A SHATTERED ILLUSION.**  
I know not if I ever chance or fate  
That brought the mind and me together;  
At table d'hôte one night at eight  
Our talk began about the weather.  
We had no introduction—no  
But this display no lack of breeding.  
Our seats were next each other, so  
It was a natural proceeding.

She dressed in stunning English style;  
Her hair was neatly curled and braided,  
'Ah! blessed,' I thought, 'is Britain's Isle  
If home for eyes an aching sighted  
Our meeting place that waked apace  
Was interspersed with frequent 'fancies.'  
I'll not deny the 'fading' grace  
Of 'really' slipped between her glances.

Still something nameless made me doubt  
Her being truly, bluely, Briton;  
Yet when one little phrase slipped out  
With horror was my bosom smitten.  
'I guess—' She could not call it back,  
And laughed to hide her sweet confusion.  
Oh, lovely Anglo-manne,  
To shatter thus my fond illusion!

—Miss G. G. G. in Harper's Magazine.

**LITERARY MISQUOTATIONS.**  
MEN OF LEARNING MISQUOTE AS WELL  
AS ORDINARY FOLK.  
(Boston Advertiser.)

The ever-fertile subject of misquotations is just now receiving a great amount of attention. Magazines, daily and weekly newspapers and college professors are, with one accord, printing out the number and variety of instances where familiar words are ascribed to the wrong authors, or quoted with greater or less variation from the original form, or made to express ideas widely different from the meaning ascribed to them in the first place. The literature of the subject is already very voluminous, and when researches now taking place have been completed, promises to become yet greater. It is alleged that the time of misquoting attaches to a very large portion of all our ordinary citations, and that, strange to say, the most learned men and the most eminent authors are equally guilty in this matter with the common people. This whole subject calls for a more philosophical treatment than has yet been given it. Nothing seems to have been done thus far, except to collect instances of misquotation and to explain upon the shocking carelessness or ignorance which they imply. Yet it may well excite wonder that the very facts brought to light have not been suggested the query whether some deeper cause than the most remarkable cases of change in an author's meaning is that first pointed out by Mr. H. White, who shows, what ought to be plain as day to the diligent reader of Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida, that the words of that play, when Ulysses says to Achilles, 'O that touch of nature makes the whole world kin,' are spoken, not of man's nobler but of his baser nature.

As used all the world over by all sorts and conditions of men, this sentiment is made to imply human brotherhood. If Mr. White had looked more deeply he would have seen that Shakespeare's meaning here has thus not so much perverted as extended. The wise and benevolent Ulysses lays down a broad principle and proceeds to apply it in a particular way. Mankind has accepted the principle, but with another larger and loftier application. It is as if the moral touch of nature does make the whole world kin in goodness, but it likewise makes it kin in magnanimity. The same kind of remark applies to the lines in Milton's Lycidas:

And every shepherd tells his tale  
Of sweet swains that were his school;  
The critics are in great glee because they can prove that what the blind bard had in mind was not Corydon telling a tale of love to Phyllis, but the far less romantic proceeding of counting the sheep! But how do the critics know that the shepherd did not make the whole world kin in count sheep or in the hawthorn? Are not all the probabilities in favor of the more pleasing supposition? Here, again, the alleged misquotation would appear to be only an enlarged application. And it may be said, in general, that wherever any utterance, in prose or verse, has made its way to the heart and lips of mankind, and in the process has acquired a different significance from that originally given, the new meaning is somehow better adapted to human nature's needs than the old.

Even in the case of a real misquotation, a similar reason is often discoverable. Although such errors are to be regretted and avoided, everybody repeats, upon occasion, the lines:

He that fights and runs away,  
May live to fight another day.

and almost everybody, with any pretensions to literary knowledge, attributes them to Butler's 'Hudibras.' Golden rule, as these lines are not to be found in Butler; but the same idea, much more clumsily expressed, has been traced to that source. The most probable explanation is that Golden rule, quoting from memory, unconsciously translated Butler into Golden rule's own words. The three-fourths of the instances furnished in any collection of misquotations will be found to relate to the Bible or Shakespeare. In regard to the former, a curious observation may be made. It is a fact, perfectly well known to all educated clergymen, that the New Testament, and that they are very rarely accurate, if accuracy means verbal identity. The most usual explanation and one entirely acceptable to many theologians of strict orthodoxy, is that, exactness of phrase not being needed or intended, the translated words of the New Testament gave, in any particular instance, either the language of the popular Septuagint translation—often, as every scholar is aware, exceedingly

fully—or the form of words lodged in the writer's memory, or a free rendering deemed to express the thought better than the original. Those who think this explanation satisfactory should not—but some of them do—complain that editors of what has been aptly called 'our unimpaired Bible,' Shakespeare, depart occasionally from their great author's words, when modern words conceal the thought which archaic words conceal. A great outcry is raised because, on the monument to Shakespeare in Westminster Abbey, where the splendid passage from the Tempest begins, 'And like the baseless fabric of this vision,' is engraved, the word 'baseless' is substituted for 'rick' in the last line. It is, however, just possible that the authority which supervised the inscription is entitled to as much confidence as the fault-finders.

The subject of Christian hymns holds a prominent place in all these discussions. It is certain that many of the most familiar of our social lyrics appear in the hymn books and are constantly sung with important deviations from the forms in which they were composed. Of late several compilations of sacred poetry have been published, of which the special merit claimed is that every hymn is given as its author wrote it. But there are two sides to this question, as to most questions. There are numerous instances where the consensus of the Christian world has decreed alterations that are indisputable improvements. Perhaps the most precious hymn of the church is Toplady's 'Rock of Ages.' He is said to have written the second line of the fourth stanza—

When my cryings cease in death,

Let the literary purist compare with this the rendering as we know it—

When my cryings cease in death,

and then say, if he can, that the change is not for the better.

The conclusion of the matter would appear to be that, while no deception is ever to be used, and all errors are to be guarded against, the majority of literary misquotations display a fidelity to the original as to a germ out of which the more perfect meaning is evolved.

'Jemie,' said a young lady, turning away from the mirror and addressing a companion, 'what would you do if you had a match on your lip?' 'If I liked him I would keep quiet,' was the demure reply.

AN IMPORTANT discovery is announced in the 'Paris Figaro,' of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and premature decay. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and he has now returned to his native land, Joseph Holmes, Blombury Mansions, Blombury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

Unclaimed Correspondence,  
November 30, 1888.

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## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, Saturday Noon, 1st December, 1888.

					POSITION PER LAST REPORT.			CASH QUOTATIONS.			
STOCKS	Capital.	No. of Shares.	Par Value of Share.	Annual Dividend per Share.	Reserve Fund.	At credit of working a/c, or Bal. Br'd fund.	DIVIDEND. Amount.	When paid.	Closing.	DURING CURRENT WEEK. Highest.	Lowest.
Banks.											
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.	\$ 7,500,000	60,000	\$ 125	all	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 10,441.36	{ 30/10 for 1 year to 30 June 88 ex 1/2 = 31/10 p. sh.	Aug. 27, 88	156 1/2 prem., buyers	157 1/2 prem.	156 1/2 prem.
Marine Insurances.											
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited.	\$ 2,500,000	10,000	\$ 250	25	\$ 636,500	{ \$ 386,891.82 estimated to 30 June 88	{ 20% = \$5 per sh. for 1887	Oct. 11, 88	\$95, nom.	\$85	\$81
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 2,000,000	24,000	\$ 83.33	25	\$ 650,000	\$ 261,119.28	{ 10 percent \$5 p. sh. for year ending 30 June 88	Sept. 4, 88	\$72, sales	\$72	\$71
North China Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 1,600,000	5,000	\$ 200	20	\$ 1,261,578.42	\$ 446,034.11	{ 10% for year ending 31 Dec. 1887	April 26, 88	Tls. 28 1/2, buyers	—	—
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	£ 200,000	8,000	£ 25	all	Tls. 75,914.31	Tls. 3,089.03	{ 7% for year ending 31 Dec. 1887	May 8, 88	Tls. 98, sales	Tls. 98	Tls. 97 1/2
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, (in liquidation)	\$ 1,500,000	1,500	\$ 1,000	200	\$ 28,711.50	{ \$ 15,285.84 estimated for 30 Sept. 88	{ 14 1/2% for year ending 30/12/87	April 1, 88	\$165, buyers	—	—
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	\$ 2,500,000	10,000	\$ 250	50	\$ 304,000	{ \$ 83,170.00 to 31 Dec. 1887	{ 10 per cent. for year ending 31 Dec. 1887	July 19, 88	\$24, nom.	—	—
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 3,000,000	30,000	\$ 100	20	\$ 85,000	{ \$ 29,900 p. sh. for year ending 31 Dec. 1886	{ 10% for year ending 31 Dec. 1886	Feb. 16, 88	\$320, nom.	—	—
Fire Insurances.											
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 2,000,000	8,000	\$ 250	30	\$ 1,031,486	\$ 252,243.30	{ \$5 p. sh. to a/c 31-87	Feb. 22, 88	\$750, buyers	—	—
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 2,000,000	20,000	\$ 100	20	\$ 650,000	\$ 204,003.90	{ \$3 p. sh. for 88	Feb. 13, 88	\$17, nom.	—	—
Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 2,000,000	20,000	\$ 100	20	none	\$ 41,152.80 for 1888	{ 3 1/2% interim div. for 1 year to 20-88	Feb. 13, 88	\$17, nom.	—	—
Fire and Marine Insurances.											
Singapore Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 4,000,000	40,000	\$ 100	20	\$ 11,875.91	\$ 76,308.10	{ 10 1/2% for year ending 31 Dec. 1886	April 6, 88	\$16, nom.	—	—
Docks.											
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 1,500,000	12,500	\$ 125	all	none	\$ 1,138.50	{ 3% for 6 m. ending 30 June 1889	Aug. 27, 88	37 1/2 prem., sales	38 1/2 prem.	37 1/2 prem.
Steam-Boats.											
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steam-boat Co., Limited	\$ 800,000	40,000	\$ 20	all	{ \$ 40,000 \$ 215,000	\$ 2,068.58	{ 7% for 6 m. ending 30 June 1888	Aug. 4, 88	119 1/2 prem., buyers	120 1/2 prem.	119 1/2 prem.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Limited	£ 600,000	60,000	£ 10	all	{ \$54.01 none	£ 1,922.8.9	{ 5 1/2% for year ending 31 Dec. 1887	June 16, 88	20 1/2 dis., nom.	—	—
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 1,000,000	20,000	\$ 50	all	\$ 211,060.10	\$ 3,110.37	{ 8 1/2% for year ending 30 June 1888	Sept. 24, 88	\$64, buyers	—	—
China & Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 175,000	3,500	\$ 50	all	\$ 10,000	\$ 18.58	{ 6 1/2% for year ending 31 Dec. 1887	Mar. 24, 88	\$160, buyers	\$170	\$160
Refineries.											
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 1,500,000	15,000	\$ 100	all	none	\$ 11,100.43	{ 12 per cent. for 1887	Aug. 24, 88	\$190, sales	\$192	\$188
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 700,000	7,000	\$ 100	all	none	\$ 27,918.53	{ 6 per cent. for 6 m. ending 30-88	—	\$93, buyers	\$94	\$92 1/2
Wharves.											
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Limited	\$ 1,700,000	17,000	\$ 100	all	none	\$ 1,224.97	{ 4 1/2% for year ending 31/12/87	May 1, 88	64 1/2 prem., buyers	64 1/2 prem.	62 1/2 prem.
Tramways.											
H'kong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 120,000	1,200	\$ 100	50	—	—	First year	—	325 1/2 p. sh.	—	—
Mining.											
Panjoia & Siquilun Lu Samantan Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 400,000	40,000	\$ 10	all	none	—	—	—	\$82, sellers	\$9	\$84
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fcs. 4,000,000	8,000	Fcs. 500	{ 10 ex 3.50 = 131.25	none	—	First year	—	115% prem., buyers	115% prem.	110% prem.
Planting.											
East Borneo Planting Co., Ltd.	\$ 150,000	3,000	\$ 50	25	—	—	First year	—	\$65, sellers	\$58	\$65
Songei Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.	\$ 250,000	5,000	\$ 50	25	—	—	First year	—	\$42, buyers	\$45	\$42
Hotels.											
Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited	\$ 300,000	3,000	\$ 100	all	none	\$ 8,706.04	{ 4% for 6 m. ending 30/5/88	Aug. 31, 88	\$170, nom.	—	—
Austin Arms Hotel & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 200,000	4,000	\$ 50	20	—	—	First year	—	25% dis., nom.	—	—
Dispensaries.											
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 350,000	3,500	\$ 100	all	{ \$ 15,000 \$ 5,000	\$ 411.47	{ \$94 per share for account 1888	Nov. 5, 88	100% prem., nom.	—	—
Cruikshank & Co., Limited	\$ 80,000	1,600	\$ 50	all	—	—	{ 6 per cent. = \$3 per sh. for 6 months ending 31 August.	Oct. 5, 88	par, buyers	—	—
Miscellaneous.											
Hongkong & China Gas & Cold issue Co., Limited (new)	£ 50,000	5,100	£ 10	all	£ 10,848.7.7	£ 1,900.15.8	{ 10 per cent. for year ending 31 Dec. 87	Apr. 10, 88	\$130, nom.	—	—
Hongkong Ice Co., Limited	\$ 125,000	5,000	\$ 25	all	\$ 37,500	429.60	{ 10 percent \$1 p. sh. for year ending 31 Dec. 87 & int. div. 7 p. c. 1890/91	Feb. 11, 88	\$91, buyers	\$94	\$93
Hongkong & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 30,000	600	\$ 50	all	none	\$ 130.03	{ \$5 p. sh. for year ending 30/6/88	Mar. 10, 88	\$35, nom.	—	—
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 150,000	3,000	\$ 50	all	none	Dr. \$ 6,862.27	none	—	\$76, buyers	\$76	\$73
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited	\$ 30,000	3,000	\$ 10	all	none	Dr. \$ 13,186.91	—	—	\$13	—	—
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	\$ 12,000	1,200	\$ 10	all	none	Dr. \$ 17,375.21	—	—	\$103, nom.	—	—
Steam Launch Company, Limited	\$ 100,000	2,000	\$ 50	10	—	—	First year	—	20% dis.	15% prem.	5% prem.
Steamers Company, Limited	\$ 750,000	7,500	\$ 100	50	—	—	First year	—	10% prem.	—	—